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Preparing for Lok Sabha election - 2024

DG&IGP interacts with officers of five districts

Cautions against showing favouritism towards politicians or their followers

Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG&IGP) Alok Mohan holding a meeting with top Police officials from the Southern Range and the Mysuru City Commissionerate in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (RK&BCT)- Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG&IGP) Alok Mohan led a crucial meeting at the City Police Commissioner's Office yesterday, in collaboration with top Police officials from the Southern Range and the Mysuru City Commissionerate, to discuss preparations for the upcoming LS elections.

Alok Mohan's arrival at the Commissioner's Office at 11.30 am was marked by a ceremonial Guard of Honour. Following the formalities, the DG&IGP delved into the main agenda of the meeting, engaging with Southern Range Officers representing Mysuru, Kodagu, Chamarajanagar, Mandya and Hassan, led by Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIGP) Amit Singh.

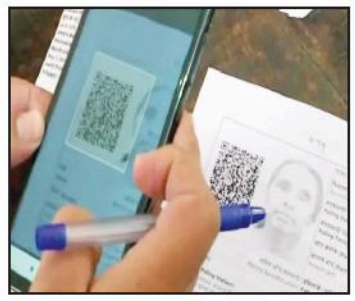
City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth, Mysuru Superintendent of Police (SP) Seema Latkar, Mandya SP N. Yathish, Chamarajanagar SP Padmini Sahu, Kodagu SP K. Ramarajan, Hassan SP M.S. Mohammad Sujeetha, DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraj, DCP (Crime and Traffic) S. Jahnavi, DCP (CAR) A. Maruti, Mounted Police Commandant Shailendra, ACPs Gajendra Prasad (Vijayanagar), Shanthamallappa (Devaraja), Sudhakar (Narasimharaja), Ramesh Kumar (Krishnaraja) and Sandesh Kumar (CCB) and other officers were present.

During the meeting, the DG&IGP emphasised the paramount importance of maintaining law and order and adhering to the Model Code of Conduct as campaigning for the upcoming elections gains momentum with the selection of candidates by political parties.

(See DG&IGP on page 7)

Get polling booth info via QR code in voter slip

Mysuru among 10 cities selected for initiative to woo reluctant urban voters to polling stations



Mysuru, Mar. 31 (BCT)- Confused about your polling booth location? Unsure about the travel time to reach the voting station or concerned about potential traffic delays along the route? Worry no more! The Election Commission of India is set to introduce a QR code-based system to provide easy access to such crucial information on voting day. Each voter slip will feature a unique QR code, simplifying the process.

These voter slips will be hand-delivered to households and individual voters five to six days before the voting day. This marks the first implementation of such a system in Karnataka, with 10 cities, including Mysuru, being chosen for the project.

Manoj Kumar Meena, the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Karnataka, informed reporters that the Election Commission plans to deploy voter slips with QR codes at select locations across India. In Karnataka, specifically, 10 cities have been identified for this pioneering initiative.

"If you scan QR Code on your mobile phone, it will navigate you to polling booth through Google Maps. It was used for the first time during the recent election for Legislative Council from Teachers' Constituency in Bengaluru. This initiative helped increase the polling percentage from 66 percent in 2020 to 86 percent in 2024," he said.

Many people, particularly in urban areas, struggle to locate their polling stations as they may not be familiar with government buildings, schools and other landmarks. To address this issue, the authorities are converting the latitude and longitude coordinates of the polling stations into QR codes and printing them on the voter slips.

"This innovative initiative is aimed at increasing voter turnout by coaxing voters to participate in the electoral process. People often refrain from voting even in the face of minor disruptions. With QR code, they can easily scan and navigate the polling station. The initiative will cover 13,847 polling booths in 47 Assembly Constituencies under the jurisdiction of 10 City Corporations," remarked Manoj Kumar Meena.

Obituary

Dr. Boverianda Nanjamma Chinappa

Mysuru, Mar. 31- Statistician and author Dr. Boverianda Nanjamma Chinappa, aged 89 years and a resident of Covai@ Tapovan Solace in Sharadadevinagar, Mysuru, passed away at a private hospital here this morning. She leaves behind two daughters.

Cremation took place this afternoon at Harishchandra Ghat at the foot of Chamundi Hill. Her husband Boverianda M. Chinnappa (89), an Engineer and Consultant in India and Canada, passed away on Mar. 10, 2023.

Prior permission mandatory for any political event

Family functions, religious ceremonies and weddings exempted from permission

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (RK&BCT)- Due to the current enforcement of the election model code of conduct, political parties are required to obtain prior permission for conducting door-to-door campaigns, political meetings and organising rallies and processions.

To streamline this process, the Mysuru District Administration has established a single-window system at the district office. Here, political parties can submit applications seeking permission to conduct various election-related programmes and campaigns.

However, individuals organising weddings, housewarming functions and other family events, whether at their homes or elsewhere, are not obligated to seek permission from the election authorities. Religious and other domestic events do not require permission either.

Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer for Mysuru-Kodagu LS Constituency Dr. K.V. Rajendra clarified that only political and poll-related events require his explicit permission. Parties and candidates must formally request permission from his office by submitting a letter. Only upon receiving this permission can such events be organised, he emphasised.

For weddings, religious ceremonies and other household events, individuals are required to inform the Assistant Returning Officers (AROs) or local authorities about the events, but formal permission is not necessary. However, in light of the model code of conduct, officers have been instructed to monitor such events closely.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 31st March 2024

Trinity College students shine in City Inter-Collegiate Athletic Meet

Mourya *Pavan*

Mysuru, Mar. 31- The University of Mysore's Department of Physical Education recently hosted the Mysuru City Inter-Collegiate Athletic Meet for the academic year 2023-2024.

Trinity First Grade College students who participated in the meet have excelled.

B.M. Mourya Ganapathy, a second year BBA student, secured the Gold Medal in Shotput event while L. Pavan, a first year B.Com student, clinched Gold Medal in 200 mts race and a Silver Medal in 400 mts race. He also earned the distinction of being the second Individual Champion ofthe meet.

Overall, Trinity First Grade College secured the prestigious Second Runner-Up position in the Men's Athletic Meet category.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

When their dog Maxi gobbled a bowl of dumplings in the kitchen and then looked up at them with an innocent expression on her face, she was not behaving simply like a biological eating machine. She was behaving like a shrewd and endearing little rascal she was, writes forester Peter Wohlleben in *The Inner Life of Animals,* ***illustrating that animals can display what were once thought to be exclusively human emotions. If they can experience emotions similar to us, should they not be treated the same way? Like ourselves? Indic philosophy's concept of*** *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam,* ***proposes exactly that: treat all living beings, not just humans, as your family.***

"Everyone has a song to sing in the symphony of life. And as human beings, it is part of our responsibility to help all people and all creatures to sing their song," says Nayaswami Shivani, co-founder, Yogananda Academy of Europe.

High levels of intelligence exist in animal and bird kingdoms. *Srimad Bhagavatam* ***talks about Dattatreya who had attained enlightenment by learning from 24 gurus, several of them non-humans — pigeons, a python, honeybee, elephant, deer, fish, squirrel, hawk, snake, spider and a wasp.***

"So, besides helping all creatures and humans reach their potential, we need to be humble enough to see what we can learn from them, because God's wisdom is present throughout Creation," says Nayaswami Shivani.

Egotism means to separate ourselves from others and being self-centred. Speciesism is an expression of ego. It is redundant in the realm of adhyatam, spirituality, which calls upon us to see unity in all things.

Spiritual evolution is a matter of consciousness, of awareness. It is different from intelligence. Evolution is about including a greater spectrum of life in our own identity. At the lower stages of human evolution, there is no awareness of the reality of other people. It's all about 'me'. But as we evolve, we begin to include awareness of others, concern for them, their well-being, service and so forth. So, the law of physics that the universe is constantly expanding, is a symbol of human consciousness that is always expanding.

So, for the sake of our own spiritual progress, it is essential to be kind to animals and keep company with them. An over-the-top luxury spa for pets could be just one way of showing that we care, for them and ourselves.

— Mona Mehta in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Mall demolition crew finds time capsule

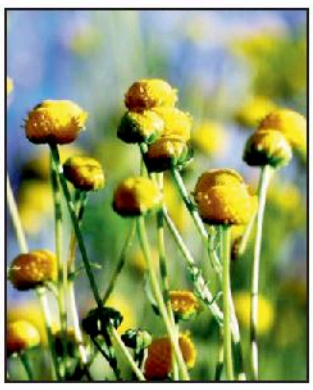
Charleston: Demolition crews tearing down a South Carolina mall found a time capsule that is due to be opened in 2033.

Forest Acres city officials said the demolition crew tearing down the Richland Mall found a time capsule that was buried when the mall first opened in 2000.

Writing on the time capsule states that it is due to be opened Jan. 20, 2033.

City Councilman Stephen Oliver said on social media that the time capsule will be reburied in the park once it is completed and will remain in the earth until its scheduled opening.

Stinky plant forces picnic area to shut



Phoenix: A picnic area at a tourist attraction in Arizona has been closed to visitors because of the presence of a pungent plant called stinknet - which smells as lovely as it sounds.

Officials at Casa Grande Ruins National Monument announced that the area will be shut until 30 April due to the density of the invasive and noxious winter weed.

Stinknet has pretty yellow blossoms on narrow green stems and can grow more than 0.6m (2ft) tall - but has a potent smell similar to nail polish remover or burnt rubber.

It can cause serious breathing problems as well as severe skin rashes, according to the University of Arizona.

Officials at the attraction are asking visitors not to walk near or step on the flowering weed to avoid spreading it. They said staff are working on a solution to get the picnic area reopened as soon as possible, but it may take until May 1.

HEALTH CAPSULE

UTIs are typically diagnosed through a combination of symptoms assessment, a physical examination, and laboratory tests on a urine sample. These tests can detect the presence of bacteria, white blood cells, and other indicators of infection.

By Dr. Shaheen Akhtar - Consultant - Obstetrics & Gynaecology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

Asha Kirana Trustees attend ASICON-2024

Mysuru, Mar. 31- Dr. S.N. Mothi, Chairman (Trustee), Asha Kirana Charitable Trust Hospital and Research Centre, Mysuru and K.S. Gururaja, Trustee of Asha Kirana Hospital, were invited for the National Conference in HIV/AIDS, ASICON-2024, held at Cochin recently.

Dr. Mothi spoke about the Antimicrobial resistance and Gururaja was a panellist for Public Private Partnership Model discussion in HIV. Asha Kirana Hospital had 4 research papers accepted in this conference by Neha Pethad, Dhivya, Preksha, Pavan, A. Pramodh and Tharun.

Dr. Srirama and Dr. Sudheer were also present.

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Yesterday's level **85.80 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,265.26 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,827.56 feet**
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Today's Outflow **967 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **500 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

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- ***Greyhounds have a universal blood type and are used for blood donors.***
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LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Judge: *You committed the theft alone?*

Culprit: *Yes, your honour! You cannot trust anyone these days!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 83.38
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 105.26
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.71
1 Euro	= Rs. 90.06

VOICE OF THE READER

Experience of travelling in Vande Bharat Express

Sir,

This is my recent experience of travelling on the Vande Bharat Express train and it felt like a departure from the typical Indian Railways experience.

We boarded the train to Bengaluru at 5 am sharp. Shortly after, a well-dressed train attendant, adorned in a neat uniform, greeted each passenger with a welcoming rose and a warm smile. Following this pleasant surprise, we were provided with a bottle of water and a newspaper, both in English and the local language. The anticipation for what was to come next grew.

Within minutes, another attendant arrived with a tray containing a small packet of biscuits, instant ginger tea powder, a hand sanitiser and tissues. Shortly after, another attendant brought us a cup of hot water, perfect for enjoying our morning tea. It was a delightful start to the day, leaving us feeling satisfied and content.

The night before, when my husband suggested I wear a nice dress for our journey on the Vande Bharat Express, I hesitated. I debated whether it was necessary, but eventually decided on a nice floral dress, deviating from my usual choice of warm, comfortable pants and a loose T-shirt for travel. However, after experiencing such a warm welcome and impeccable service, I now believe that dressing up was entirely justified.

The transformation of our Railways from how they used to be to their current state of cleanliness, organisation and punctuality is truly remarkable. It's a testament to the progress we've made.

This wasn't the end of our positive experience. We were treated to a hearty, satisfying breakfast with a wide array of food items. Throughout the journey, the railway cleaning staff diligently maintained the cleanliness of the train compartments. Remarkably, the train arrived at its destination 30 minutes ahead of schedule.

Experiencing the transformation of our Indian Railways first-hand is truly eye-opening. We extend our gratitude to the Government of India and the Indian Railways for bringing about this change.

It's also crucial for every citizen to uphold cleanliness and utilise resources responsibly. Travelling by train now rivals air travel in terms of convenience. There's no need to trek to distant airports, endure lengthy queues for check-in, customs, or baggage collection, or wait for hours at boarding gates. Of course, travel time remains a factor in choosing the mode of transport.

With such levels of convenience, cleanliness, comfort, and most importantly, security, we should seriously consider opting for Railways over private vehicles whenever feasible. This is a testament to the progress we've made and fills me with pride. This is a happy face and proud Indian writing.

—Megha Nagendra

Mysuru
13.3.2024

Style Bazaar expo to conclude tonight

The two-day Eid and Festive Special Designer and Lifestyle expo organised by Style Bazaar at Hotel Southern Star in city will conclude today at 9 pm. The expo includes a treasure trove of designer wear, jewellery, accessories, home decor, footwear and much more. Entry is free. Seen during the inauguration yesterday are *(from left)* ***Bhuvana, Priti Somani, Dr. Hemamalini, Junu Ahuluwalia, Sheetal Jain and Nagana.***

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NEWS BRIEFS

Inauguration of Manasa Kuteera

The inauguration of newly built Rotary Midtown Manasa Kuteera School for Special Children will be held on Apr. 1 at 3.30 pm at CA-01, Sy. No. 75/1, Dwarakanagar (R.T. Nagar) Ring Road in city. Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji of Pejawar Mutt, Udupi, who is also the Trustee of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, Ayodhya, will grace the occasion. MLA T.S. Srivatsa will inaugurate. Rtn. H.R. Keshav Dist. Governor, Mysuru RI Dist.- 3181 will be the chief guest. Rtn. S. Raghavendra, Chairman, Rotary Midtown Manasa Kuteera, Rtn. D. Srinivasan, President, Rotary Mysore Midtown and Rtn. Dr. K. A. Prahlad, Chairman, Rotary Mysore Midtown Foundation, will be present on the occasion.

Acupressure Physiotherapy camp

City's Mysore District Nature Cure Federation will be conducting a 15-day Acupressure, Sujok and Acu-digital Physiotherapy treatment camp from Apr. 1, at Sri Amrutheshwara temple premises, Devaraja Mohalla in the city. The camp will be open from 10.30 am to 6.30 pm on all the days, according to a press release. People suffering from B.P. Sugar, Obesity, Gastric, Acidity, Asthama, Allergy, Varicose Veins, Spondylisis, Back Pain etc., may make use of the camp. For details, contact Mob: 98451-82716 or 78927-98768, according to a press release.

Liquor sales banned

Due to the ongoing Sri Lakshmidevi and Sri Maramma Jatra Mahotsava at Rammanahalli in Mysuru taluk (Mar. 30 to Apr. 2), the District Administration has banned sale of liquor and has ordered shutting down of Ugranarasimha wine shop at Rammanahalli from 12 midnight of Mar. 30 to 12 midnight of Apr. 2 as a precautionary measure for maintenance of Law and Order, according to a press release issued by Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra.

Health check-up camp on Apr. 3

Marking the 20th anniversary of Gangamathastha Association, the city's Suvarna Belaku Foundation, at No.1012, 8th cross, Sunnadakeri, K.R. Mohalla, in association with Arya Hospital and A.S.G. Hospital, has organised a free Health check-up camp at 10 am to 1.30 pm on Apr. 3. The residents of and surrounding areas can make use of the camp. For registration contact Mob: 94489-80010, according to a press release.

Lok Sabha Polls - 2024; Voting on April 26

Vigil at entry points enhanced for voter-inducement materials

CCTV cameras of check-posts linked to District, Taluk Control Rooms for constant monitoring

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (MTY&BCT)- With the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) in effect following the announcement of Lok Sabha elections on Mar. 16, law enforcement agencies are on high alert, monitoring the movement of cash, liquor, jewellery and other potential inducements aimed at influencing voters.

Ahead of each election, the Election Commission issues comprehensive directives to Police forces, railways, airports, the Income Tax department, and other enforcement bodies, mandating stringent surveillance on the movement of cash, liquor, jewellery, drugs, and gifts — anything that could potentially be utilised for electoral purposes.

Stringent surveillance measures are being implemented in the Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Constituency, particularly in the Mysuru district, where over 42 check-posts have been established, complemented by an additional 18 checking points within the city limits of Mysuru.

Dr. K.V. Rajendra, District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner, has emphasised the need for rigorous enforcement, prompting the installation of CCTV cameras at all check-posts. These cameras are integrated into a centralised control room at the DC Office on Bannur Road, where the activities at each check-post are closely monitored by the Video Viewing Team (VVT).

A. Suresh, Expenditure Observer for Hunsur and Periyapatna Assembly Constituencies and DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra inspecting the screen connected to monitor CCTV cameras at the Control Room.

In addition to the VVT at the district headquarters overseeing all check-posts, dedicated VVT rooms have been established at the Taluk Centres as well. The personnel stationed at these check-posts are under strict instructions to maintain vigilance, as their actions are under constant surveillance.

During a monitoring session yesterday at the District VVT room, a staff member at one of the check-posts was observed speaking on his mobile phone, an activity captured on camera. DC Dr. Rajendra emphasised the critical importance of maintaining stringent checking procedures and instructed the monitoring staff to ensure no lapses in surveillance. He underscored the imperative for officers to diligently focus on manning their assigned check-posts.

Additionally, expenditure observers have been appointed alongside Static Surveillance Teams (SST) and flying squads. These flying squads are led by a senior officer, supported by a senior Police officer, a videographer, and three or four armed Police personnel. Each team is equipped with a dedicated vehicle, a mobile phone, a video camera and requisite documentation for seizing illicit goods or cash.

Surveillance teams establish road checkpoints, meticulously recording the inspection process through videography. To maintain the element of surprise, the locations of these checkpoints are regularly rotated. While checkpoints are typically operational from the date of the poll announcement, enforcement efforts are significantly intensified in the final 72 hours leading up to polling day.

Yaduveer and Lakshmana to file nominations on Apr. 3

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (VNS)- BJP and Congress candidates from Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Constituency, Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar and M. Lakshmana will be filing their nomination papers on Apr. 3

Yaduveer

Lakshmana

BJP candidate Yaduveer Wadiyar will file his nomination papers at 10.30 am. He will arrive on a grand procession after offering a puja at the Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple. He will be accompanied by State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra, incumbent MP Prathap Simha, former Ministers MTB Nagaraj and N. Mahesh, MLA T.S. Srivatsa among others.

Meanwhile, Congress candidate M. Lakshmana along with CM Siddaramaiah, Dy.CM D.K. Shivakumar, MLA Tanveer Sait, Mysuru District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and other leaders will file his nomination papers on at 1 pm on the same day.

H.D. Kumaraswamy to file nomination on Apr. 4

Mandya, Mar. 31 (VNS)- Former CM and JD(S) State President H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK), who is contesting as an NDA candidate, will be filing his nomination papers from Mandya Lok Sabha Constituency on Apr.4 in presence of both JD(S) and BJP leaders, said JD(S) leader B.R. Ramachandra.

Kumaraswamy

Addressing the press persons, he said Kumaraswamy would be filing the nomination in the afternoon after which he would be addressing a public rally in Mandya.

"Former CM B.S. Yediyurappa, Nikhil Kumaraswamy and other leaders of both the parties will be present for the filing of the nomination. This apart, a joint convention of both JD(S) and BJP party workers will be held at Kalikamba Community Hall in Mandya on Apr. 2," he said and added JD(S) Youth Wing President Nikhil Kumaraswamy would be inaugurating the convention.

'Star Chandru' nomination filing tomorrow

Meanwhile, Venkataramane Gowda (Star Chandru), Congress candidate from Mandya LS seat, will be filing his nomination papers tomorrow (Apr. 1), said Agriculture and Mandya District In-charge Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy.

Star Chandru

Speaking to the mediapersons, he said special puja will be offered at Kalikamba Temple following which the candidate will be taken on a procession till the DC's office for the filing of nomination papers.

KPCC President and DyCM D.K. Shivakumar, State Congress Incharge Randeep Singh Surjewala will be present.

Mandya MP Sumalatha to announce her decision on Apr. 3

Bengaluru, Mar. 31 (VNS)- Incumbent Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarish said that she would announce her decision on upcoming Lok Sabha polls on Apr. 3 after holding a public meeting in Mandya. Addressing supporters at her J.P. Nagar residence in Bengaluru yesterday, she said that she was committed to work for the people of Mandya.

Sumalatha

Stating that she had the support of people who had been working with Ambarish, her late husband, Sumalatha said those were the people who gave her the confidence to enter politics despite not having previous experience.

"Though there were no big names behind me it was the people of Mandya, the die-hard fans of Ambarish, who supported me during the 2019 LS elections," Sumalatha said.

The Independent Mandya MP, who extended her support to BJP, was expecting the party to field her from the Constituency for the ensuing LS polls. However, with BJP and JD(S) forming a coalition, the seat was allocated to JD(S) from where JD(S) State President and former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy will be contesting.

Sumalatha had won 2019 LS election as an independent defeating Nikhil Kumaraswamy, grandson of former PM H.D. Deve Gowda and son of former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy.

Sri Vidhushekhara Bharati Swamiji
inaugurates centenary of Abhinava Shankaralaya

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (PM&BS)- Sri Sringeri Sharada Peetham's Seer Sri Vidhushekhara Bharati Swamiji formally inaugurated the centenary celebrations of Abhinava Shankaralaya of Sri Sringeri Shankara Mutt at Fort Mohalla in the city on Saturday.

Sri Vidhushekhara Bharati Swamiji, who arrived for a traditional welcome at Shankara Mutt, had *darshan* of the idols of Shankaracharya, Sharadamba Devi and 33rd pontiff of the Peetham Sri Sacchidananda Shivabhinava Narasimha Bharati Swamiji.

The Swamiji later inaugurated 'Sacchidananda Vilasa' Gurubhavana and Sabhabhavana in the Mutt premises. Dharmadhikari of Abhinava Shankaralaya H. Ramachandra couple offered *pada puja* to Swamiji.

The Swamiji, who delivered a discourse on the occasion, recalled various initiatives taken up by Shankaracharya for the cause of *Sanatana Dharma*. Similar efforts were made by the 33rd Pontiff of the Peetham Sri Sacchidananda Shivabhinava Narasimha Bharati Swamiji, who also took up various religious initiatives. A divine personality by himself, Narasimha Bharati was widely regarded as the reincarnation of Shankaracharya and was popular as 'Abhinava Shankara.'

The Abhinava Shankaralaya what we see today was once the residence of Kunigal Rama Shastri, who was the scholar in the Mysore province. It was here his son Narasimha Bharati was born. Rama Shastri was popular as 'Shatakoti Rama Shastri' among scholars of his time, as he had authored a tome called 'Shatakoti' which was considered valuable in the field of law.

Narasimha Bharati has made significant contributions for the growth of Vaidika and Veda Shastra, besides influencing the establishment of Banaras Hindu University. Likewise, the revered Pontiff has had many contributions to his credit not just in South India, but also in the northern part of the country.

Earlier, *pura pravesha* programme of Sri Vidhushekhara Bharati Swamiji was conducted in a traditional manner. Soon after the arrival of the Swamiji at Maharaja's College Grounds, the Swamiji was taken in a procession in an open vehicle to Shankara Mutt, with cultural troupes reciting *Mangala Vadya* and rendering bhajans.

Swamiji was offered a *poorna kumbha* welcome at Ramaswamy Circle from where he was brought to Shankara Mutt via Chamaraja Double Road. He will be taking part in centenary celebrations of Abhinava Shankaralaya till Apr. 6.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa, former MLAs S.A. Ramdas and M.K. Somashekar, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Administrative Officer of Sringeri Mutt P.A. Murali, Chief Advisor Dr. Gowrishankar, President of Mysuru City and District Brahmins Association D.T. Prakash, Nataraj of Shankara Tatva Abhiyan, Shashikala Jayakumar, Vice-President of Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha N. Srikantakumar, Trustee of Saptamathruka Temple Bhaskar, former Corporator B.V. Manjunath, leaders K.R. Satyanarayan, Sudheendra, Dr. K.V. Lakshmidevi, Ajay Shastri, Jogi Manju and others were present.

Visit to Sharada Niketana today

Sri Sringeri Sharada Peetham's Seer Sri Vidhushekhara Bharati Swamiji will be visiting Sharada Niketana in the premises of Muguru Karnataka Brahmana Sangha, JLB road in the city this evening at 6 pm.

The devotees can have *darshan* of the Swamiji and partake in the discourse. The devotees should compulsorily follow the dress code — women should wear saree and the men should be dressed in *dhoti* and *shalya,* according to a press release from the President and Executive Committee Members of Muguru Karnataka Brahmana Sangha.

Discourse at Mulakanadu Bhavana on Apr.2

Sri Vidhushekhara Bharati Swamiji will be delivering a special discourse on Apr.2 at 4 pm at Mulakanadu Bhavana, near Aishwarya Petrol Bunk, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, Hunsur road in the city. For further details contact K.N. Gurumurthy on Mob: 98865-90060 and 99161-38371.

'Sacchidananda Vilasa' Gurubhavana and Sabhabhavana inaugurated by Sri Vidhushekhara Bharati Swamiji at Shankara Mutt premises in city last evening.

Hundreds take part in 'Ahimsa Run for Peace and Non-Violence' in city

Actor Karthik Mahesh seen flagging off 'Ahimsa Run' at Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple in front of Palace North Gate early this morning. Picture right shows participants performing zumba dance as a warm up exercise before the run.

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (GA&DM)- The city this morning woke up a run together for Ahimsa and Non-Violence, with hundreds of enthusiasts from all age groups taking part in the second edition of IIFL JITO Ladies Wing (Jain International Trade Organisation) Ahimsa Run.

This run with a theme 'One Purpose, One Run' aimed at running together for Peace and Ahimsa. It was flagged-off by Actor and Bigg Boss Kannada Season 10 Winner Karthik Mahesh at Kote Anjaneyaswamy temple in front of Palace North Gate at 5.30 am.

Speaking on the occasion, Karthik Mahesh said he is basically from Mysuru and recalled the days when he used to practice running on the tank bund of Kukkarahalli Lake for taking part in such marathons.

Lauding JITO for organising the run, he said that this event embodies the spirit of non-violence and harmony.

Maintaining that taking part in runs will help in keeping the body fit, Mahesh said that it is important for everyone to take part in any physical or sporting activities to maintain a balanced health.

Before the start of the run, the participants performed zumba dance as a warm up exercise.

The run was held under 3 categories (10 km, 5 km and 3 km), with the first prize for 10 Km run - Rs. 10,000, second prize - Rs. 7,000 and third prize - Rs. 5,000; the first prize for 5 Km run - Rs. 7,000, second prize - Rs.5,000 and third prize - Rs. 3,000; the first prize for 3 Km run - Rs. 5,000, second prize - Rs. 3,000 and third prize - Rs. 2,000.

JITO is an internationally recognised entity committed to socio-economic empowerment, value-centric education and community welfare.

This run was simultaneously conducted across 69 locations in India and 28 locations internationally.

JITO Mysuru Chapter Chairman Kantilal S. Jain, Chief Secretary Goutam Salecha, JITO Ladies Wing, Mysuru Chairperson Mona Bhatewra, Chief Secretary Rajani Dagaliya, Convenor Sapna Gandhi, Co-convenor Saritha Baghmar, JITO Mysuru Youth Wing Chairman Puneet Srisrimaal, Chief Secretary Anmol Srisrimaal and others were present.

Kundyolanda Cup family hockey fest begins in Kodagu

Madikeri, Mar. 31 (PS&BCT)- The 24th Edition of Kodava Hockey Festival 2024, dubbed the 'Kundyolanda Hockey Carnival' and organised by the Kundyolanda Family, began with vibrant fervour at the General Thimayya Ground at Napoklu Karnataka Public School yesterday. Matches will be played on three grounds at Napoklu.

Pandanda K. Bopanna, President of the Kodava Hockey Academy, inaugurated the event by striking a silver hockey ball with a hockey stick. Virajpet MLA and CM's Legal Advisor Ajjikuttira S. Ponnanna, Kodagu Deputy Commissioner Venkat Raja — who notably played for Coorg 11 against Navy 11 — graced the occasion.

Other dignitaries included MLC Suja Kushalappa, author of 'The Vanishing Kodavas' Kambiranda Kaveri Ponnappa, Olympian Paikera Kalaiah, Lt. Col Baleyada Subramani and Akhila Kodava Samaja President Paradanda Subramani.

Originating in 1997 from the visionary insight of the late Pandanda Kuttappa, affectionately known as Kuttani, a former State league referee, the Kodava Hockey Festival has evolved over the years and is now managed under the auspices of the Kodava Hockey Academy.

Scheduled from Mar. 30 to Apr. 28, this month-long festival promises an exhilarating experience for sports enthusiasts and hockey aficionados alike. This time, over 360 teams from various families have registered for the festival. It serves as an annual spectacle, drawing together families from diverse locales to revel in their shared passion for hockey and their common heritage.

The registration of 360 teams marks a historic milestone in the tournament's history, setting a new record for participation. In addition to the thrilling hockey matches, attendees can anticipate a multitude of attractions.

A vibrant food festival showcasing authentic Kodava delicacies alongside diverse cuisines promises to tantalise taste buds. Matrimonial initiatives and cultural events celebrating the community's rich heritage add further excitement to the extravaganza.

Before the formal inauguration, a grand procession commenced from the Napoklu Sri Rama Mandira, leading to the main playground. The procession was joined by hundreds of Kodava men, women, and children adorned in their traditional attire.

Multiple folk dances, musical instruments and art forms, imagery and symbols from the Kodava community added to the vibrant atmosphere of the procession.

In honour of the festival's 24th edition, 24 balloons were released into the air and 24 rounds of gunfire resounded, with each bullet symbolising a participating family. Before each gunshot, the names of the families were announced aloud, signifying their integral role in the festival's legacy.

With a staggering total of 5,760 players, 730 coaches and managers and 40 technical staff actively participating, the tournament guarantees an atmosphere filled with intense competition and promises to create lasting memories for all involved.

2-day training workshop for Poll Officers and personnel

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (MTY&DM)- A two-day training workshop for Poll Officers and personnel of all Polling Stations coming under 11 Assembly segments of Mysuru district began this morning in city and at the respective taluk headquarters.

While the workshop for poll personnel for K.R.Nagar, Nanjangud, Chamundeshwari, Chamaraja and Varuna Assembly segments was held today, the workshop for Periyapatna, Hunsur, H.D.Kote, Krishnaraja, Narasimharaja and T. Narasipur Assembly segments will be held tomorrow. The workshop for Chamaraja Constituency will be held for the second day tomorrow also.

In the city, Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra held the workshop for poll personnel of Chamaraja Constituency at Baden Powell School near the Old DC office. The PROs, APROs and other poll personnel were given lectures on performing poll duties, mustering process and related activities, arrangement of EVMs in polling booths, Voting process, handling of poll agents in booths, verification of documents produced by voters before voting, the voting process and all other poll related activities. This apart, a PPT presentation on the entire voting process and a practical demonstration on the functioning of EVMs and VVPATs were also a part of the workshop.

Resource persons were deputed to each of the training centres for guiding the Polling Station Officers.

DG&IGP interacts with officers

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Alok Mohan instructed his staff to ensure peace during all public interactions involving candidates and the public. He stressed the need for a visible Police presence to deter any unlawful activities, especially those of a communally sensitive or anti-national nature.

In light of potential incidents, Alok Mohan urged Officers to avoid procedural lapses and underscored the importance of addressing even minor complaints promptly to prevent escalation. He directed senior district-level officers to personally visit and stay in all Taluk headquarters under their supervision to ensure proper law and order maintenance.

Paramilitary forces

The DG&IGP underscored the need for special attention to communally sensitive areas, instructing his team to utilise paramilitary forces already stationed at district headquarters. Additionally, any additional requirements for forces should be promptly communicated to the State Police headquarters in Bengaluru to facilitate the dispatch of additional forces if necessary.

Instructing senior officers to issue orders to staff, Alok Mohan stressed the importance of maintaining a full workforce during the election period, prohibiting unplanned leaves except in cases of emergencies.

He cautioned against showing favouritism towards politicians or their followers, regardless of which political party holds power.

Alok Mohan also asked the SPs to exchange lists of wanted criminals and discussions centred on identifying and apprehending the liquor and drug mafia, with a firm resolve to take decisive action. They were asked to implement rigorous border controls in districts adjoining other States, ensuring an ample number of checkpoints to check vehicles for contraband and the flow of illegal cash and weaponry.

Alok Mohan visits Police Health Centre

Following the meeting, DG&IGP Alok Mohan visited the Police Health Centre, designed to cater to the healthcare needs of Policemen, at Jalapuri. He engaged in discussions with Dr. Venkatesh Babu, the Deputy Chief Medical Officer of the unit, to understand the facility's operations. Subsequently, Alok Mohan proceeded to inspect a check-post situated on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Road, assessing the arrangements and personnel deployed. At around 4.45 pm, he departed for Bengaluru.

Husband dies of heart attack after wife's suicide

Mysuru, Mar.31 (SBD&BS)- In a tragic turn of events and some quirk of fate, a man suffered a fatal heart attack following the suicide of his wife at their residence in Vivekananda Nagar in the city on Friday.

The couple, Manjunath (58), an Electrical Engineer at the Divisional Railway Workshop in Ashokapuram, and his wife Vijayalakshmi (54), were residents of Vivekananda Nagar.

The couple's relationship appeared normal until Vijayalakshmi began experiencing insomnia around three to four years ago which led her to mental depression. According to Manjunath, his wife was lively on Friday when he came home for lunch at around 2 pm.

However, upon his return from work at approximately 6 pm, he found the door locked, and despite his repeated attempts to gain entry, there was no response.

With the help of his neighbours, Manjunath broke open the door, only to discover his wife hanging from the ceiling fan with her churidar veil. The information was passed on to the Kuvempunagar Police who arrived at the scene. The Police subsequently shifted Vijayalakshmi's body to the mortuary.

Soon after, Manjunath, in deep grief and shock, began experiencing chest pain and was swiftly taken to a private hospital where he breathed his last around midnight. The couple's last rites are expected to take place after the arrival of one of their daughters from the USA today. Kuvempunagar Police Inspector Yogeesh has registered a case.

Woman ends life over domestic dispute

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (SBD&BS)- A woman allegedly committed suicide after writing on the wall and her hand, blaming her husband for taking the extreme step at Janathanagar in city.

Lakshmi (39), wife of Narayan, is the deceased woman, who had allegedly hung herself to the metal hook of the ceiling with her veil. The incident came to light on Friday night. She leaves behind a son and a daughter.

Following the domestic dispute, the couple was staying separately for the last five to six months. While the children were staying with their father, Lakshmi was residing all alone in the neighbouring house. With none to support her, she was finding it difficult to eke out a living, it is said.

Besides, the in-laws were allegedly abusing Lakshmi and telling her to return to her parents house. Amid this, Narayan had physically assaulted his wife.

Even though no death note was found in the house, it was written in Kannada on the wall of the house and also her (Lakshmi) hand, holding her husband responsible for the extreme step.

The incident came to light after her neighbours informed Police Control Room on Friday at around 8.15 pm.

The body was handed over to her relatives after post-mortem on Saturday.

In his complaint to Saraswathipuram Police, Lakshmi's brother has accused his brother-in-law Narayan and mother-in-law Devamma for abetment to suicide.

According to Inspector Purushotham, a case has been registered under IPC Section 306 against Narayan and his mother.

Unidentified body found

Mysuru, Mar. 31- The body of an unidentified man, aged about 35 years and seemed to have been run over by a train, was found between K.R. Nagar and Hosa Agrahara Railway Stations of Mysuru-Arasikere section on Mar. 30.

The man is 5'5" in height, oval faced, wheatish in complexion and medium built. He wore a cream coloured full arm T-shirt and a black pant printed as 'Avengers.' His body has been kept at MMC&RI mortuary.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, can contact the City Railway Police Station on Ph: 0821-2516579, according to a press release.

Obituary

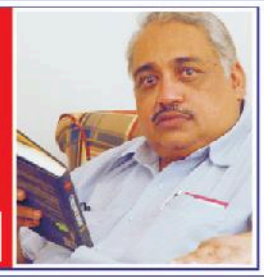
H.B. Suresh

Mysuru, Mar.31- H.B. Suresh (53), son of late H.B. Bhaskar of Hoskote village in K.R. Nagar taluk, passed away at a private hospital here this morning following cardiac arrest. Suresh was serving as a Quality Manager at a private firm in Bengaluru.

He leaves behind his wife Vinoda, daughter Vismaya, brothers H.B. Satish, a former Managing Director of Nirmiti Kendra, Mysuru and H.B. Prakash, a Civil Contractor, two elder sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at his farmland at Alanahalli in H.D.Kote taluk today.

Over a cup of evening Tea



By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

Of safe exhibitions and old memories!

The recent statement from **Ayub Khan,** the new Chairman of **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA)** that henceforth, all exhibitions, of all kinds in the city, would be held only in the **Dasara Exhibition Grounds,** should be welcomed by all right-thinking Mysureans. I say this because, a good many exhibitions of different kinds are now being held in our city, almost all through the year, either at the Maharaja's College Grounds or the Scouts and Guides Grounds.

Although both these locations are very conveniently placed with good road accessibility, the exhibitions themselves are extremely unsafe because all the stalls are invariably closely huddled, next to one another, completely wrapped in cloth and every other kind of highly combustible material. In the event of a fire or even a stampede, they can become terrible death-traps, a fact to which no one seems to be paying much attention.

The bright red buckets of sand, prominently stacked at their entrances, only serve the cosmetic purpose of getting them a legal sanction from the fire safety authorities and to some extent of also reassuring the visitors that their safety has been kept in mind.

I have photographs with me that show how badly rusted some of these buckets are, that they have no bottoms whatsoever, let alone the sand to douse any fire!

The only other ground that is spread over a very wide area, with plenty of escape routes, is the **JSS Urban Haat** on Ring Road in Hebbal, near the KRS Road junction. It is no doubt very well laid out and safe but because it is way out of the city, most exhibition organisers give it a go by.

On the few occasions that I have gone there, I have found the shop-keepers too complaining that hiring a stall there makes no business sense because of the very sparse footfalls there.

Taking all these factors into consideration, there can be no denying that our Dasara Exhibition Grounds, having been created just for this specific purpose, is the best and safest option for any expo in our city. So, it would be best if the authorities make it mandatory for all exhibition to be held only at this place and I hope they implement this with immediate effect.

The first eight stamps of Bangladesh.

A Bakelite fountain pen.

Going back a little in time, as the story-teller in me is very prone to, I would like to recount here the history of the **Dasara Exhibition** in our city. Until very recently, for us Mysureans, an exhibition meant only our now nearly a century-and-a-half-old, Dasara Exhibition which has a very interesting origin and an almost renowned past, although a rather pale and lack-lustre present!

A good many of us who have always lived in our city, know very well that this is an annual event that comes every year with the coming of our Dasara festival and which stays on for well over a month, after the festivities are over. It was started in the year 1880 by **Sri Chamaraja Wadiyar X,** the 23rd Maharaja of Mysore, firstly as a trade and agriculture fair, which later became an expo to showcase the developments, industrial production and handicrafts of the State, to the people.

It was held for a couple of years at what is now the University Oval Grounds, till a special place was created for it at what is now the headquarters of our Fire Force in Saraswathipuram.

It was then shifted to another specially created facility next to our Government Medical College, perhaps in an attempt to bring it closer to the heart of the city. When this happened, the adjoining J.K. Grounds became the location for the industrial fair. In the year 1977, if I am not wrong, when it was felt that the Medical College needed some extra space for expansion, the Dasara Exhibition was moved to where it stands today.

During the days of our childhood and over the years that have long gone by, this exhibition was an event that used to be no less exciting to people from in and around Mysuru than the Mysuru Dasara itself. **That was because a good many of the things that we could see or buy there, were things that would just not be available anywhere else for the rest of the year.**

If you missed seeing them or buying them for some reason, you'd have to wait almost painfully, for a full year, before being able to set your eyes or hands on them. And, there were dozens of things like this, both big and small, that could become the reason for pleasure or pain, depending on whether you made it to the show or missed it!

From the excellent cotton handloom textiles, towels and bedsheets from the hinterland of Tamil Nadu, or the lightest razais from Rajasthan, to the heaviest and thus warmest quilts from Punjab, there was just no other source to buy them from, than this event. And, for children who were fond of different kind of colourful books, pens, pencils and toys, this was 'the only place' because they would otherwise have to be content with their dull counterparts, that were available across the city during the rest of the year.

There used to even be a stall where a bespectacled old man would be sitting hunched over a lathe and deftly making Bakelite pens, of the buyer's choice of colour and design, on the spot. After he did this, his equally able partner would carefully fit a nib and feeder to it and after dipping it in ink, hand it over to you for a trial.

Based on you feedback, he would then gently polish the nib over a sheet of fine emery paper and hand it back to you for a re-trial till you were satisfied that the thickness of the script suited your preference.

Not just this, he would watch the angle at which you held the pen at the first trial and then suitably grind or bend the nib to make it compatible with your grip! Despite all this painstaking attention to detail, each of these pens under the brand name **'Rekha'** would come at a cost of rupees five, a princely sum indeed, in those days!

Although, a fountain pen was just out of bounds for me at my age then, I used to be so fascinated by its manufacturing process that this pen shop would be one of my most sought-after destinations at the exhibition, where I would tell my parents to leave me, while they explored the rest of the exhibition.

I still have with me a couple of those hand-crafted pens, used for years, by my father, along with the one that was owned by my grandfather too, although their owners themselves are both long gone now. And, every one of those pens still glides silky smooth, on any paper it touches!

My other favourite haunts at the exhibition were the shop where stamps and coins were sold by a man called Mohan who used to come from Vile Parle East in what was then Bombay, where I would pick up some stamps and coins for my collection. For a now unbelievable price of just fifteen rupees, I picked up a set of the first eight stamps designed by Biman Mullick with their first day cover, issued by Bangladesh, when it was so painfully born in the year 1971.

This visit would be closely followed by a long stop at the air-gun shooting stall, where as a very young boy, I would love to show off my marksmanship in blasting the colourful balloons, cheered by an admiring crowd around!

After this, it was time to head to the **Mysore Paper Mills** stall from Bhadravathi, in the company of my parents, where we would buy a full year's requirement of writing paper and notebooks. Although the latter, with their Bison head logo, would be very dull and unimpressive in appearance, I would be happy to have them because it had been very effectively impressed on me that in quality, they were far superior to the colourful ones of other brands.

The next stop would be the **Mysore Sandal Soap** stall, almost next-door, where we would pick up a full year's supply of soaps and toiletries. **The only excitement for me here was the free gift they would always give, of a small booklet, with ten sheets of paper coated with sandal soap, which one could carry in the pocket while travelling. It is a different matter that in those days, I needed to be reminded, prodded, coaxed and cajoled into washing my hands with plain water, let alone with soap!**

The last stop, at least for me, was the giant working model of the **Sharavathi Hydro-Electric Power Station**, where the entire lush Sharavathi valley was recreated in plaster, with the blue river flowing in the deep green gorge. I was heart-broken when as a post-graduate medical student, I stood and watched helplessly as this structure, which had been a source of enormous wonderment and joy to me as a child, was dismantled, when the Mysore Medical College started eating into the exhibition grounds, in slow phases.

When this personally painful turn of events came, I was a resident of the post-graduate men's hostel that stands there now, amidst the ruined remnants of the old exhibition stalls but thankfully under the same old, lush mahogany trees, whose brown, woody fruits I have collected as keepsakes and preserved, even to this day!

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Water dispute

Cauvery Kriya Samithi holds post card agitation

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (GA&TRR)- Members of Cauvery Kriya Samithi held a post card agitation seeking the intervention of President Draupadi Murmu on Cauvery issue in city yesterday. The protestors assembled near Central Post Office at Ashoka Road and dropped the post cards addressed to the President in the letter box.

The members and the general public, who participated in the agitation have urged President to intervene to stop the release of River Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu immediately. In their letters, the protestors have also highlighted the drinking water problems being faced by the people of Cauvery basin .

Speaking on the occasion, Samithi President Jayaprakash (JP) said that the State was facing an unprecedented drought and which had resulted in water scarcity.

"Inspite of this, the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) is directing Karnataka Government to release water to Tamil Nadu even though their reservoirs are full, which is deplorable. Our reservoirs are empty and we don't have water even to drink. The President must immediately intervene and allow the Karnataka Government to use the very limited water available to meet the drinking water requirements of our State," demanded Jayaprakash.

Samithi's Chief Convenor Mugur Nanjundaswamy, members Tejesh Lokesh Gowda, Bogadi Siddegowda, Sindhuvalli Shivakumar, Krishnapa, Neha and others took part in the agitation.

Excise officials seize articles

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (DM)- Continuing their drive against illegal supplies, stocking, transportation and distribution of unauthorized liquor in the wake of LS polls, the Excise officials have seized nine corrugated boxes of beer, including seven which did not have Barcode, QR code, stickers or controlling security stickers and two corrugated boxes whose Barcodes mismatched. These boxes were dispatched from Nanjangud to Hunsur and the net value of these boxes is Rs. 23,07,049. The Excise officials have registered a case against Nanjangud's United Breweries Ltd.,in this regard.

Also, the Excise officials, in a drive conducted from Mar.16 to 29, have registered as many as 148 cases concerning illegal Excise activities and have seized 376.445 lts of hard liquor, 3,51,432.630 lts. of beer and 18 vehicles used for illegal excise activities. The total value of the seized liquor is Rs. 8,36,37,858 according to a press release.

Kannada film actor Prakash Heggodu dies

Prakash

Mangaluru, Mar. 31 (Agencies)- Kannada actor and senior theatre person Prakash Heggodu passed here yesterday. He was 58.

Prakash was being treated at a private hospital in Mangaluru where he died. He has acted in more than 35 movies.

Prakash is survived by his wife, two daughters and a son.

His mortal remains were taken to his native Purappemane in Sagar taluk in Shivamogga district.

He has acted in movies such as *'Raja Huli', Santha, Bhagyad Balegara, Kalpana-2, Modern Mahabharatha* among others.

Tamil actor Daniel Balaji no more

Daniel Balaji

Chennai, Mar. 31 (Agencies) - Popular Tamil actor Daniel Balaji passed away at a private hospital in Chennai last night. He was 48. The actor was rushed to the hospital after he complained of chest pain.

Balaji's mortal remains were taken to his Purasaiwakkam residence for last rites. Following the news of his sudden demise, tributes poured in for the actor. The late actor forayed into television with Radikaa Sarathkumar's *Chithhi*. He then acted in the 2002 film *April Maadhathil*. Daniel Balaji also featured in Malayalam, Telugu and Kannada movies.

Women travel for free in KSRTC bus, NOT parrots!

Bus conductor issues Rs. 444 tickets to parrots in cage, carried from Bengaluru to Mysuru

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (MTY&BCT)- Next time you plan to travel on a KSRTC bus with a pet, you might want to reconsider. Unlike the *'Shakthi'* free travel scheme, which allows free travel for women within Karnataka, there's no such provision for pets.

A woman and her granddaughter travelling from Bengaluru to Mysuru found themselves in an unexpected situation when they were asked to pay Rs. 444 for the four parrots they had in a cage.

Despite being eligible for the *'Shakthi'* scheme, which entitled them to zero denomination tickets, they were still required to pay half the fare of an adult for their feathered companions. This unusual incident has since gained attention on the internet, sparking a mixture of shock and amusement among netizens.

The incident took place at the Satellite Bus Stand in Bengaluru on Mar. 27 morning (according to the date on the ticket), when a woman and her granddaughter arrived to board the bus from Bengaluru to Mysuru. Given their eligibility for free bus travel, they assumed they wouldn't need to purchase tickets.

However, the KSRTC bus conductor sought payment for the four parrots they had in a cage. This puzzling situation left fellow passengers scratching their heads. Ultimately, the conductor insisted on charging them a total of Rs. 444, amounting to Rs. 111 for each of the four birds. The passengers paid up.

Despite other fellow passengers' attempts to reason with the conductor regarding the apparent contradiction between the women's free travel entitlement and the pet charges, the conductor stood firm, citing adherence to the rules.

KSRTC regulations indeed permit pets on non-AC buses, encompassing city, suburban and rural routes. However, premium services such as Volvo, Karnataka Vaibhava, Rajahamsa, non-AC sleepers and any air-conditioned services maintain restrictions against pets.

For pet dogs, the fare amounts to half that of an adult, while puppies, rabbits, birds and cats incur a fee equivalent to half the fare for a child.

This incident sparked a sense of amusement among fellow travellers. Some passengers couldn't resist capturing the moment and sharing images of the duo with their feathered companions.The snapshots quickly made rounds on social media, adding an extra layer of fun to the unusual journey.

KSRTC Mysuru Divisional Controller clarifies

KSRTC Mysuru Divisional Controller (DC) G. Srinivas clarified to *Star of Mysore* that pets, including birds in a cage, are subject to charges according to established rules. He affirmed that the conductor's actions were in line with protocol.

According to their circular, pet animals must be charged half of the ticket fare. Even though women are entitled to travel for free under the *Shakthi* Scheme, this benefit does not extend to pets and passengers carrying them will be charged according to regulations.

'Load The Box' Book Fair at Nexus Mall

Shubha Sanjay Urs, Founder Chairperson, Mysuru Book Clubs-2015, who inaugurated 'Kitab Lovers - Load the Box' Book Fair in city yesterday, is seen with R. Manu, Manager, Nexus Mall, Dr. Radhika, Mallamma Ganigi, Entrepreneur, Rahul Pandey, CEO, Kitab Lovers and others.

Mysuru, Mar. 31- A nine-day Book Fair has been organised at Nexus Centre City Mall in Mysuru by Kitab Lovers, specialising in selling books at affordable costs, from Mar. 30 to Apr. 7.

Besides, a two-day 'Author Meet' is organised in association with Mysuru Book Clubs-2015.

Shubha Sanjay Urs, Founder Chairperson, Mysuru Book Clubs-2015, inaugurated the Book Fair yesterday.

The Fair features over 10 lakh new and pre-loved books ranging from over 20-plus genres. What makes Kitab Lovers Book Fair special is its innovative 'Load the Box' concept, wherein customers who visit the Fair can make one-time payment for a box and fill the box with as many books as the box can hold. The boxes are available in three sizes ranging from Rs. 1,200 to Rs. 3,000.

Talking about the Fair, Rahul Pandey, Co-Founder and CEO of Kitab Lovers, said,"We are delighted to host the 2nd edition of our book fair in the city. Our book fair offers books at the most affordable costs and most importantly, serves a wide range of book readers."

Since its inception in 2019 and through its 'Load the Box' campaign, Kitab Lovers is on an ambitious mission to make reading affordable and accessible for every Indian and spread the love and joy for reading all over the country.

WORD OF THE DAY

Braggadocio

Pronunciation: brag-uh-DOH-see-oh (Noun)
Meaning: Braggadocio refers to brash and self-confident boasting — that is, the annoying or exaggerated talk of someone who is trying to sound very proud or brave.
Origin: Though Braggadocio is not as well-known as other fictional characters like Pollyanna, the Grinch, or Scrooge, in lexicography he holds a special place next to them as one of the many characters whose name has become an established word in English. The English poet Edmund Spenser originally created Braggadocio as a personification of boasting in his epic poem The Faerie Queene. As early as 1594, about four years after the poem was published, English speakers began using the name as a general term for any blustering blowhard. The now more common use of braggadocio, referring to the talk or behaviour of such windy cockalorums, developed in the early 18th century.
Example: "In total, Lil Wayne has sold more than 120 million albums, making him one of the world's top-selling artists, and, his braggadocio aside, he's widely considered one of most influential hip-hop artists of his generation and one of the greatest rappers of all time." — L. Kent Wolgamott, The Lincoln (Nebraska) Journal Star, 1 Feb. 2024

THE ODD WORD

Nudiustertian

The day before yesterday.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Rome was not built in a day

Meaning: When you say 'Rome was not built in a day' you mean that something is going to take time to complete.
Origin: The origin of expression 'Rome was not built in a day' is an ancient one, attesting to fact that it takes time to create things that are worthwhile. One of the first examples was published in France sometime around 1190.
Example: "I heard you're writing a book. When will it be finished?" Answer: "Sometime next year. After all, Rome was not built in a day!"

QUOTE BOX

Miracles are not contrary to nature, but only contrary to what we know about nature. **—Saint Augustine**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer :Potatoes (pot 8 O's).

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Public vehicle
4 Tiny drink
7 Japanese dish
9 Woo or try to win affections of
12 ___ skirt: kilt
13 Aquatic mammal
14 Dark igneous rock
15 Baltic state, capital Riga
17 Skill in painting or drawing, for instance
18 Great many
20 Head of corn?
21 Plenty
22 Mystery writer___ Stanley Gardener
23 Very quickly, colloquially speaking? (2,3,6)
27 Strongly audible or noisy
28 One in Bonn
29 Genre you might hear at a nightclub
30 A devil or a demon
32 Plant juice
35 An edible part of a fowl?
37 Cacophony, discord or disorder
39 Approaches
40 In the previous month
41 Sesame street character
42 ___ Claus : Father Christmas?
43 Gene material
44 "Treasure Island" monogram

DOWN
1 Explode
2 Flushing Meadows initials
3 Not deep
4 Berate
5 Tiny amounts?
6 Golf stroke
7 River in Europe
8 Entirely (2,4)
10 Think highly of
11 Ordeals
12 To be announced, abbr.
16 Part of verb to be
19 Useful quality
21 Limited in short?
22 Supplement with difficulty
23 Halogen element
24 Quantity
25 A break or gap
26 Ring-shaped
27 Lower limb
30 Canary's kin - "risen" for a change?
31 All __ ___ : utterly bewildered? (2,3)
32 Fits in; befits
33 Russian river
34 End of page abbreviation
36 Come down to earth
38 Tel ser. provider in New Delhi and Mumbai

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

M	M	R	■	D	A	D	O	■	■	S	T	E
A	A	A	■	I	T	C	H	Y	■	P	H	D
T	I	N	■	A	N	I	M	A	■	A	O	G
A	L	I	G	N	■	■	■	M	E	R	R	Y
■	■	■	P	A	P	■	A	A	G	■	■	■
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O	S	E	■	■	A	P	P	■	■	G	I	S
B	A	T	H	■	Y	S	L	■	H	A	T	E
■	■	■	E	I	S	■	E	L	I	■	■	■
B	R	A	W	N	■	■	■	A	P	P	A	L
A	I	M	■	C	R	E	C	Y	■	U	P	I
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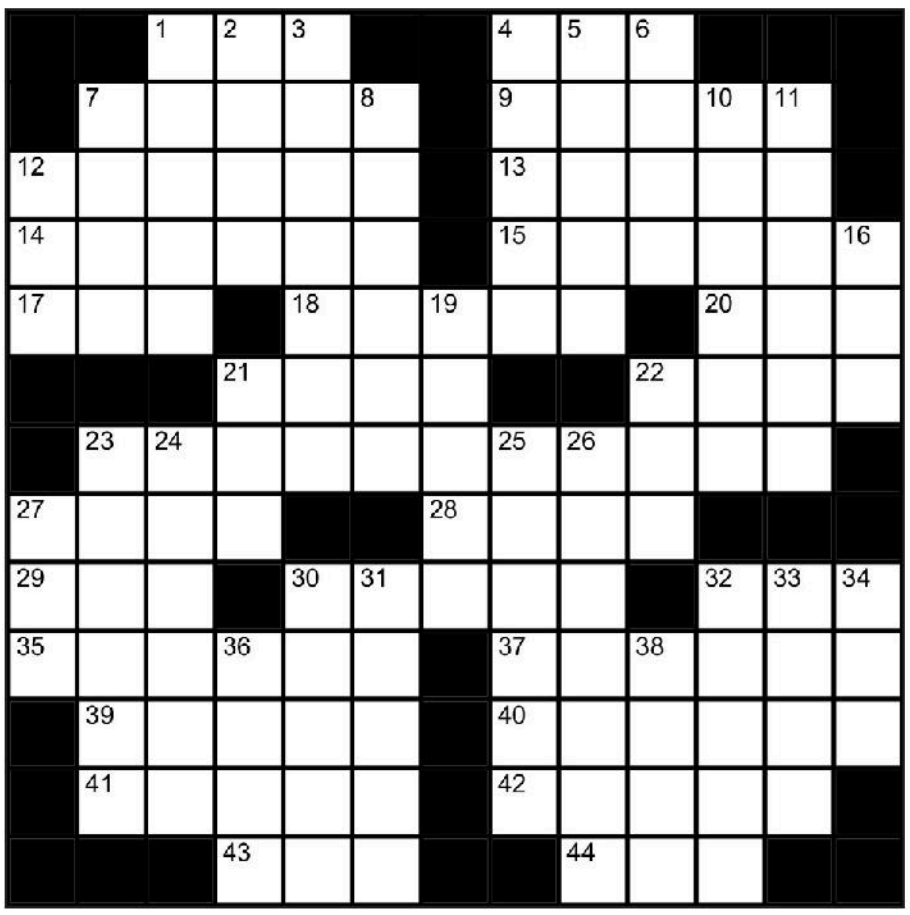

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	9			2			5	
			7		3		8	
		3	4					6
8		5				4		9
9		1				7		5
1					7	6		
	6		9		4			
	8			3			2	

Answer to previous puzzle

2	1	6	7	3	5	8	9	4
9	7	4	1	8	2	5	3	6
3	5	8	6	4	9	1	7	2
6	2	5	4	1	7	9	8	3
8	4	7	2	9	3	6	1	5
1	3	9	8	5	6	2	4	7
5	6	1	9	7	4	3	2	8
4	8	3	5	2	1	7	6	9
7	9	2	3	6	8	4	5	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

EIX TJK IKAE GR EIXKU IKTR. GXN EIX

TJK JABJEV GR DLLJNXHR.

TODAY'S CLUE: X EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Painting is the passage from the chaos of the emotions to the order of the possible.

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- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Aadujeevitham - The Goat Life (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Mr. and Mrs. Manmatha (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Godzilla x Kong: New Empire (E) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  Magadheera (Te) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Yuva (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 4 pm
	(S-2)	9.50 am
	(S-4)	9.50 am, 1.10 pm
		7 pm, 10 pm
Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	(S-1)	1.30 pm, 7.05 pm
	(S-3)	10.25 am, 10.10 pm
Aadujeevitham (Ma)	(S-1)	9.30 pm; (S-3) 6.50 pm
Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	(S-2)	12.50 pm, 2.50 pm
Crew (H)	(S-2)	4.50 pm, 7.20 pm
Tillu Square (Te)	(S-2)	9.55 pm; (S-4) 4.10 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-3)	12.45 pm
Swatantrya Veer Savarkar (H)	(S-3)	3.30 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	:	11 am, 12.45 pm
		5.35 pm, 7.10 pm
Yuva (K)	:	12.30 pm, 3.30 pm, 4.10 pm
		6.30 pm, 7.55 pm, 9.30 pm
Crew 2024 (H)	:	1.30 pm, 3.05 pm, 9.30 pm
Tillu Square (Te)	:	4.15 pm, 6.50 pm

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		7.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (H-2D)	:	4 pm
Yuva (K)	:	9.30 am, 11.45 am, 12.45 pm
		3 pm, 4 pm, 6.15 pm
		7.15 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Tillu Square (Te)	:	9.45 am, 12.45 pm, 3.45 pm
		6.45 pm, 9.45 pm
Crew -2024 (H)	:	11 am, 1.45 pm, 4.30 pm
		7.15 pm, 10 pm
Aadujeevitham: The Goat Life (K)	:	12.25 pm
Aadujeevitham: The Goat Life (Ma)	:	6.40 pm
Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	:	2.50 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	10.15 pm

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Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	:	9.35 am, 1.45 pm, 4.25 pm
		7.05 pm, 9.45 pm
Tillu Square (Te)	:	10.15 am, 1.15 pm, 7 pm
Yuva (K)	:	10.30 am, 12.15 pm, 3.30 pm
		5.45 pm, 6.45 pm, 10 pm
Crew 2024 (H)	:	10.45 am, 4.15 pm, 9 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	1.30 pm
Aadujeevitham: The Goat Life (K)	:	2.10 pm
Aadujeevitham: The Goat Life (Ma)	:	10 pm

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 31)

- **Mysore Story Tellers Network Trust:** World Story Telling Day - One day story telling festival in 6 different languages "Kathegalu — An evening of stories," Heritage House, Saraswathipuram **5 pm.**
- **GPIER:** National Theatre Fest, Chande Vadana by 'Thatvamasi Singari Melam,' Mangaluru, **5.30 pm**; Valedictory programme, **6 pm;** Staging of play 'Navaratriya Konedina (Kannada) by Rangapayana, Bengaluru; Author and Director: Rajguru Hoskote, Kirurangamandira, **7 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Discourse by Swami Sarvajayananda on 'Sri Sri Ramakrishna Charite,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru:** K.V. Murthy Memorial Endowment Vocal concert by Vid. Maharajpuram Ramachandran, accompanied by Vid. H.V. Raghuram on violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Kaushik on ghata, Sabha premises, Mysuru K. Vasudevacharya Bhavan, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**
- **Desiranga Samskrutika Samsthe, Mysuru:** Inauguration of 'Theatre and Dance Training Camp,' by former Rangayana Deputy Director M.G. Sadanandaiah, Maharani's Women's Commerce and Management College Professor K.E. Govindegowda presides, Camp Director Krishna Janmana and Camp Convenor Dr. B.S. Dinamani, chief guests, Kalamandira, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 1)

- **Sri Jagadguru Shankaracharya Mahasamsthana, Sri Sharada Peetha, Sringeri and Abhinava Shankaralaya, Mysore:** Centenary celebrations of Abhinava Shankaralaya, Sringeri Jagadguru Sri Vidhushekara Bharati Sannidhanam visits Nanjangud, **8 am.**
- **Talent Forum, SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, Mahajana Education Society (MES), Mysuru:** Felicitation ceremony for alumnus Karthik Mahesh and prize distribution programme, Talent Hunt competition, MES President T. Muralidhar Bhagavat, Hon. Secretary Dr. T. Vijayalakshmi Muralidhar, Principal Dr. B.R. Jayakumari, CEO & Academic Advisor Dr. S.R. Ramesh and Talent Forum Convenors M. Nagesha & N.C. Hamsaveni will be present, College Quadrangle, Jayalakshmipuram, **10.30 am.**
- **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre, University of Mysore:** Six-day workshop on 'Research Methodology in Social Sciences: Current Trends and Way Forward', Varsity Registrar V.R. Shylaja inaugurates the workshop, Prof. G.K. Karanth, formerly Professor of Sociology, Centre for Study of Social Change and Development, ISEC, Bengaluru, delivers keynote address, Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre Director Prof. J. Somashekar presides, Seminar Series - 3 Sessions by eminent scholars, Research Centre premises, Manasagangothri, **10.30 am to 5.45 pm.**
- **Children's Literary Club, Mysuru:** Staging of 400th show of the play titled 'Stage Chemistry: Neuro-Psychiatric Disorders on Stage'; Play concept, script, production and direction by Club Director and formerly KSOU English Professor Dr. R. Purnima, NIE Science College, Mysuru, **11.30 am.**
- **Rotary Midtown:** Inauguration of newly-built Rotary Midtown 'Manasa Kuteera' School for Special Children, Sri Vishwaprasanna Theertha Swamiji of Pejawar Mutt, Udupi and Trustee of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, Ayodhya, graces the occasion; MLA T. S. Srivatsa inaugurates, Rtn. H.R. Keshav, District Governor, RI Dist.- 3181, chief guest; Rtn. S. Raghavendra, Chairman, Rotary Midtown Manasa Kuteera, Rtn. D. Srinivasan, President & Member, Rotary Mysore Midtown and Rtn. Dr. K.A. Prahlad, Chairman, Rotary Mysore Midtown Foundation, will be present, CA-01, Sy. No. 75/1, Dwarakanagar (R.T Nagar) Ring Road, **3.30 pm.**

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	(S-2)	9 am, 12.15 pm, 3.30 pm
		6.45 pm, 10 pm
Crew (H)	(S-3)	10.55 am, 1.40 pm, 7.25 pm
Aadujeevitham (Ma)	(S-1)	9.15 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-1)	2.45 pm
Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	(S-4)	2.45 pm
Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	(S-1)	12.05 pm
	(S-4)	11.25 am, 5 pm
		7.40 pm, 10.20 pm
Tillu Square (Te)	(S-1)	9.05 am
	(S-3)	4.25 pm, 10.10 pm

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Yuva (K)	:	9.30 am, 12.45 pm, 4 pm
		7.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Crew -2024 (H)	:	9.55 am, 4.30 pm, 10 pm
Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	:	10.05 am, 12.45 pm
		7 pm, 9.40 pm
Tillu Square (Te)	:	10.30 am, 1.20 pm
		7 pm, 10.10 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	12.40 pm
Blink (K)	:	1.30 pm
Aadujeevitham - The Goat Life (Ma)	:	3.25 pm
Tharini (K)	:	4.20 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	7.15 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

Pejawar Seer in city tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (GA&BS)- Haridasa Sangeetha Sahityotsava Samithi has organised a programme to honour **Udupi Pejawar Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji** tomorrow (Apr. 1) at 5.30 pm at Sarada Vilas College Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram in city.

Samithi Founder S. Ravikumar told media persons yesterday that the Seer is returning to city tomorrow after taking part in the 48-day Mandalotsava and Mangalotsava of Balak Ram idol at Ayodhya since its consecration. Hence, the honour for Swamiji." Sculptor Arun Yogiraj and 14 young scholars who took part in Sudha Mangala programme at Ayodhya will also be feted.

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TODAY'S MATCHES (MARCH 31)

GT Vs **SRH**
Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad — **3.30 pm**

DC Vs **CSK**
ACA–VDCA Cricket Stadium, Visakhapatnam — **7.30 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCH (APRIL 1)

MI Vs **RR**
Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai — **7.30 pm**

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

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